

COVID-19 Vaccine:

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Tennessee Department of Health strongly recommends that everyone who is offered a vaccine gets a vaccine, though we all have the right to choose.

Are COVID-19 vaccines safe?

Yes! We know these vaccines work and that they are safe. They have already been used in millions of people in the United States.

Will a COVID-19 vaccine give me COVID-19?

No. The COVID-19 vaccines that are being made do not have any virus in them and cannot give you COVID-19.

Will a COVID-19 vaccine make me better if I am sick?

No. The COVID-19 vaccine can help prevent us from getting sick with COVID-19 but is not a treatment for the illness.

How many times will I need to get a vaccine?

Most vaccines require two doses given 3-4 weeks apart. We do not know yet if these vaccines will need to be given yearly (like the flu vaccine) or if we will only need to get one series.

If I already had COVID-19 should I get a vaccine?

People who already had COVID-19 in the last 90 days may choose to wait to get the vaccine because getting sick with COVID-19 again is unlikely during that time. You may choose to wait to get the vaccine to let people who are more high risk get vaccinated first. However, there is no harm in getting the vaccine if you have already had COVID-19.

